

ABSTRACT

Assay Method

A method for the measurement of the concentration of a material such as dextran or raffinose in a solution, notably a sugar solution, comprises the step of:

- i measurement of the optical rotation of a solution sample;
- ii treatment of the sample with a reactive agent, reactive with the material, sufficient to alter the optical rotation of the sample;
- iii measurement of the optical rotation of the sample after treatment; and
- iv calculation of the concentration of the material by reference to a suitable standard.